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Dear 

Fax 404727

As discussed previously on the phone could you please check your databases to determine if it contains any references as to MENATEP BANK.


Please let us know whether there are any recent or ongoing cases. If a mutual assistance request is necessary in order to get some of the information, please let us know.

We are especially interested in whether the information that showed up in the press, as to Menatep's involvement into the "10.000.000 \$ FMI money to Russia - scandal" is true. We would also appreciate if you could check if there are any links between MENATEP and the "BANK of NEW YORK case."

Regards and thanks for your help 

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From: Legat Brussels  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: BONY case.

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*281H-NY-267980*

Steve,

[REDACTED] are conducting a large scale investigation concerning MENATEP BANK, CLEARSTREAM INTL., CLEARSTREAM BANKING, CEDEL BANKING. They appear to have source info that at least one of the above may have played a role in your case. Do any of the institutions listed above "ring a bell"?

If so, let me know and I will instruct the [REDACTED] to do a MLAT request for the information, if you believe it is worthwhile. Of course, anything you can share on a "police to police" basis while be appreciated. They are certainly willing to show you what they have if you are interested.

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If you need an EC I will be glad to send one. Is your case classified? Please advise.

Regards,

[REDACTED] ALAT Brussels

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data provided by Philadelphia, positive identifications could not be made.

One significant finding, which may or may not be known to Philadelphia, involves VALMET. According to foreign press documentation in September and October, 1999, VALMET, an Isle of Man-registered financial company with other branches in Switzerland, Moscow, Cyprus, and Gibraltar, has been linked to money laundering and the BANK OF NEW YORK (BoNY) scandal. (A Finnish company by the name of VALMET, which deals in wood fiber and paper, also exists, but is not tied to the Isle of Man VALMET.)

Further press reporting indicates that the Swiss branch of VALMET was at one time co-located with RUNICOM, at No. 1 Rue Des Moulins in Geneva. RUNICOM, a petrochemical company, is headed by [REDACTED]. In addition, in 1994, the Russian bank MENATEP bought an important share of VALMET. [REDACTED] MENATEP, and [REDACTED] are central figures in the BoNY investigation. Since then, VALMET has been tied to several suspicious business deals.

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According to press, VALMET and RUNICOM are no longer co-located. As an interesting side note, RUNICOM does not have its own office space, but is associated with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The latter is closely tied to BoNY.

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

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CC: 1 - [redacted] Room 4340  
1 - [redacted] Room 4340  
1 - [redacted] Room 4340

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NOTE: Foreign press reporting taken from FBIS serials  
MS0409190899, dated 09/04/1999, and AU0110153299, dated  
10/01/1999.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was contacted at his residence, [redacted]

[redacted] home telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] cell phone number [redacted]

[redacted] work telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] and fax number [redacted]

After

being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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stated that he would be available for further questioning if needed.

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] place of birth  
[redacted] Vladimir city, Russia, presently residing at [redacted]  
[redacted] Toronto, Ontario, was interviewed at the offices of  
[redacted] in Toronto. After being  
advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents and the  
nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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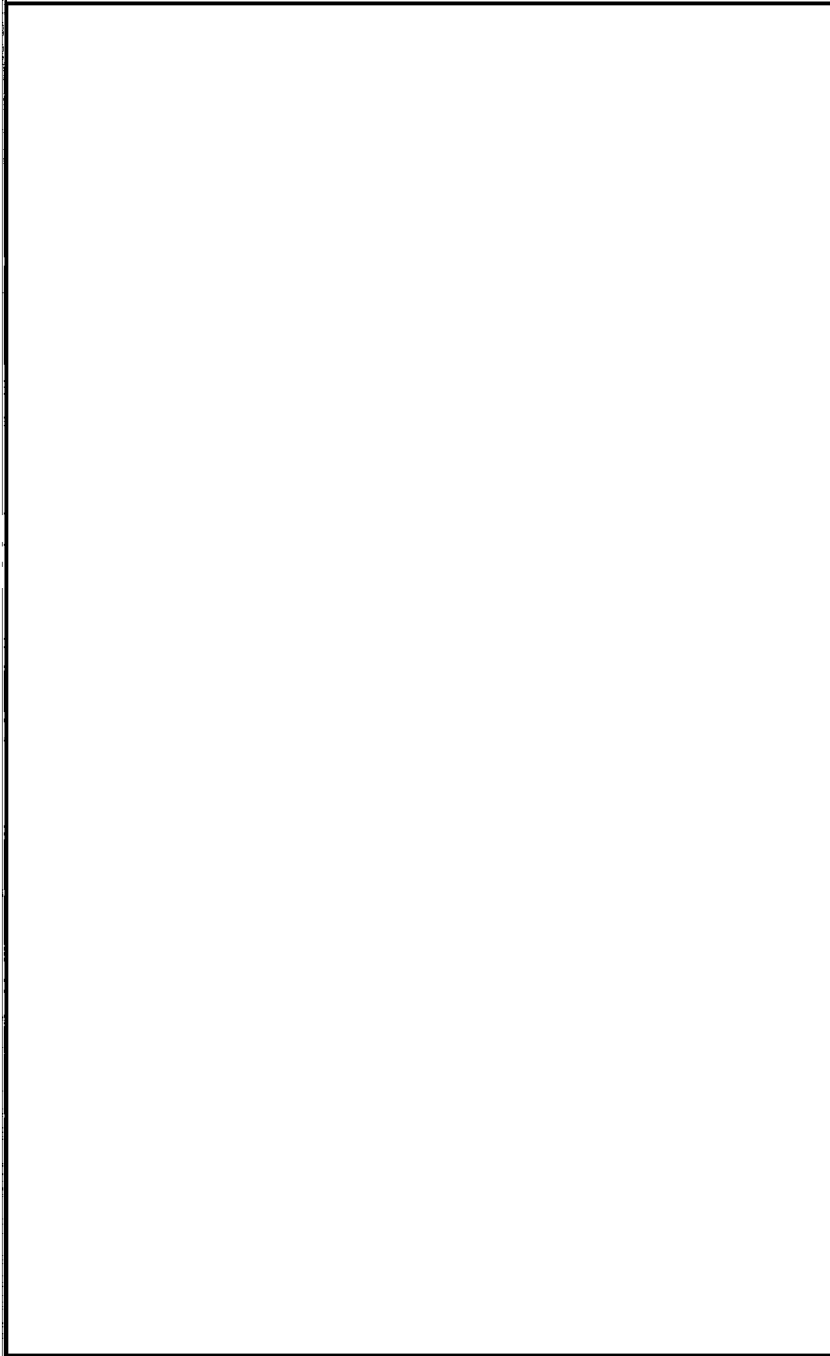
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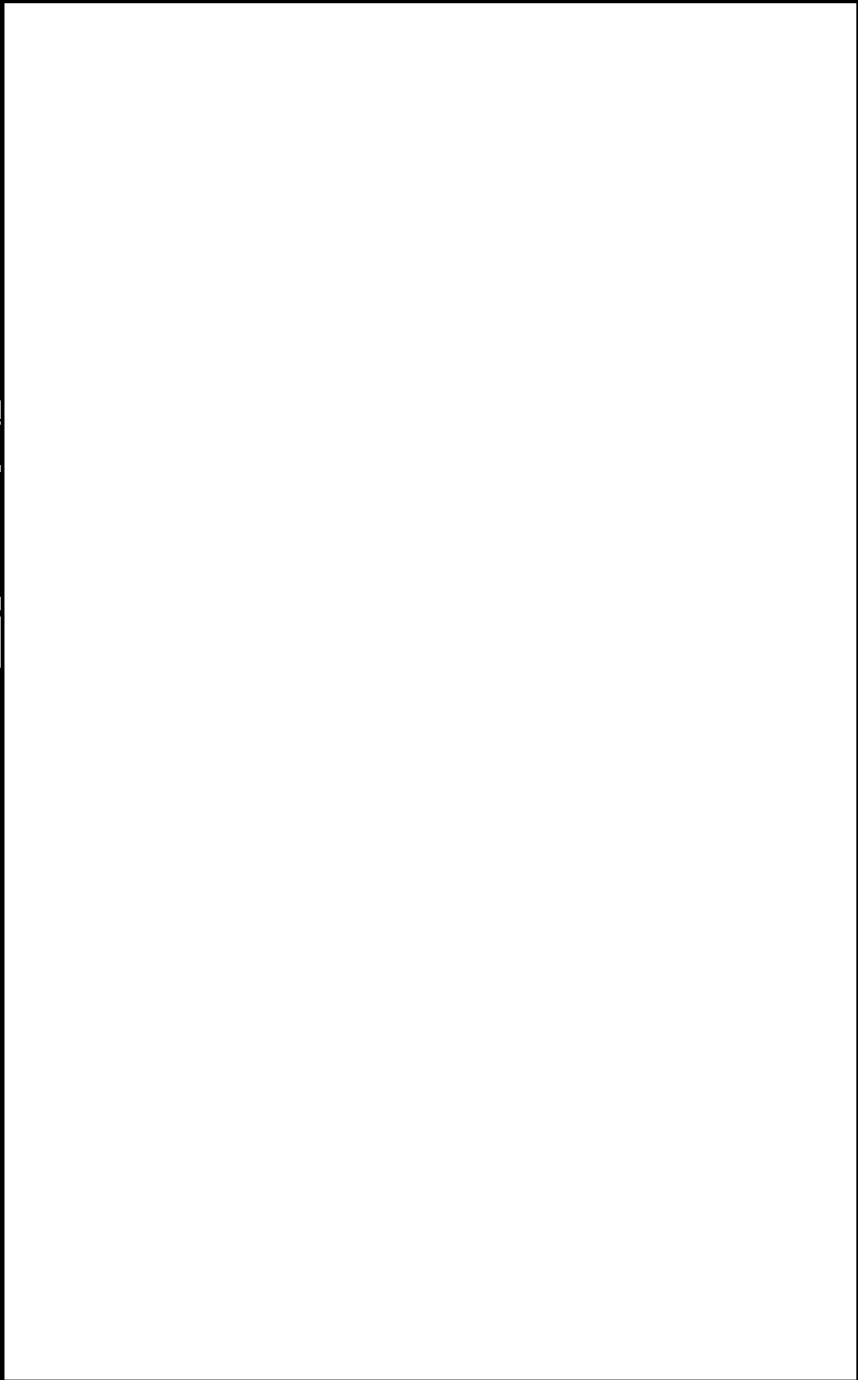
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On November 21, 1995, [redacted] (protect  
[redacted] date of birth [redacted] residence [redacted]  
[redacted] Pennsylvania (PA), was interviewed at his  
request by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the State  
College Resident Agency of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
(FBI), and SA [redacted] of the Criminal Investigative  
Division of the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Scranton, PA.  
Information [redacted] provided at that time was dictated into a  
rough draft communication by SA [redacted] Because of the great  
volume of information, its detail and complexity, SA [redacted]  
recontacted [redacted] on December 29, 1995, January 31, 1996, and  
on April 27, 1996, to review SA [redacted] ongoing rough drafted  
reports of the information [redacted] provided. During these  
subsequent interviews, [redacted] clarified, expanded upon, and  
added to the information he had provided on November 21, 1995.  
For clarity of presentation's sake, information developed during  
these interviews, and a telephonic contact with [redacted] on  
January 3, 1996, have been reported in this report, which was  
reviewed with [redacted] on June 27, 1996. The contacts with [redacted]  
[redacted] on April 27, 1996, and on June 27, 1996, were at the State  
College Resident Agency office of the FBI. The November 21,  
1995, December 29, 1995, and January 31, 1996, contacts were at  
[redacted] residence. The following is the information [redacted]  
provided:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also claimed to be friends with the owner of the largest private bank in Russia, known as the MENATEP BANK. In general, he claimed to have many influential friends in financial and other circles. [REDACTED] has noted that many prominent people involved in finance got their start in the former Soviet Union in 1986 when GORBACHEV opened the economy to private investment. However, at that time only certain cooperatives and student organizations were allowed to import goods.

In fact, [REDACTED] claimed to have gotten his start in business by importing IBM 286-style computers into Russia. He imported these through student groups and would sell them at two to three times his cost. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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From:

Assistant Legal

Attache

Subject: Menatep Bank

Case ID: 163H-BL-1281

Comments:

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As soon as I receive any further information re Menatep Bank, I will provide it you immediately.

Best Regards,

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/02/2000

To: Philadelphia

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

Criminal Investigative

SSA [REDACTED]

Eurasian Organized Crime Unit

From: Investigative Services

Information, Analysis, and Assessment Support

Section/Classified Intelligence Unit (CIU)/Room 4340

Contact: IOS [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] smg

Case ID #: 92H-HQ-1020651-D (Pending)  
281H-PH-74281 (Pending)

Title: EURASIAN ORGANIZED CRIME ORGANIZATIONS;  
MONEY LAUNDERING

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Synopsis: To respond to a lead set for CIU by Philadelphia.

Reference: 281H-PH-74281 Serial 418

Details: In referenced lead, Philadelphia requested that CIU contact appropriate sources for assistance in obtaining background information on several companies and individuals associated with [REDACTED] and determine whether or not there is any related criminal activity involving same. Appropriate sources have been contacted, and CIU is awaiting response(s). As soon as CIU is in possession of pertinent information, it will be forwarded to Philadelphia.

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The following information was gleaned from CIU databases checks:

- Due to the nature of some of the businesses submitted by Philadelphia, there are numerous references to them, but none which could be readily identifiable to any criminal activity. These include DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORP., MITSUI & CO., NISSHO IWAI, PANASONIC, and SONY BROADCAST.

- Some of the companies, such as the PEAPOD GROUP, have names similar to other companies. Based on the limited identifying

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